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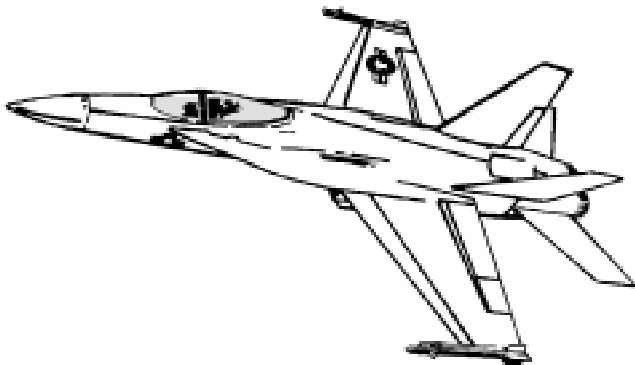
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## **Conventional Weapons**

CHECKLIST  
F/A-18  
BOMBS  
RETARD/NONRETARD



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**INTRODUCTION**

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This checklist contains abbreviated procedures to load and unload BOMBS RETARD/NONRETARD on the F/A-18 aircraft.

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**REQUIRED READING**

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Loading crewmembers may perform several steps simultaneously provided they do not invalidate or interfere with a preceding or subsequent step and safety precautions are strictly observed.

The steps within this checklist to SAFE racks mean rotation of ground safety handle to the LOCKED position.

Ensure compliance/incorporation of the following Technical Directives, as applicable:

1. None.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

1. MK 84 Mod 6/7 only with electric fuzing using MK 122 arming safety switch.
2. MK 83 Conical fin: Lot Nos. MTV 88H0001, 002, 003 and 004 are RESTRICTED from "Manual Loading" (HLU-256/Aero 66A Hoisting Bar) in accordance with NAR 557-90.

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**REQUIRED READING (Continued)**

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3. The FMU-139B/B, and FMU-152 electric tail fuzes do not require an arming wire.

**TEST EQUIPMENT/SPECIAL TOOLS:**

1. None.

For specific flight authorization, refer to the Tactical Manual. The procedures in this checklist have been verified for the following weapons:

MK 80/BLU Series General Purpose Bombs  
BDU-45/B Practice Bomb

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**AIRCRAFT PREPARATION/INSPECTION**

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1. Release and Control Systems Check completed .....( )
2. Loaded stations - SAFE .....( )
3. Parent rack configured to load single weapon:
  - a. Cartridges removed .....( )
  - b. Swaybraces adjusted to normal position .....( )
  - c. Suspension hooks open .....( )
4. Parent rack configured with BRU-33:
  - a. Ground safety handle LOCKED .....( )
  - b. Cartridges removed .....( )
  - c. Swaybraces seated .....( )
  - d. Adapter harness connected .....( )
  - e. BRU-33:
    - (1) Cartridges removed .....( )
    - (2) Suspension hooks open .....( )
    - (3) Swaybraces adjusted to normal position .....( )

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**WEAPON INSPECTION**

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1. Assembled; NOT damaged .....( )
2. Lugs/fin for alignment/security .....( )
3. Mk 15 Fin (Fig. 1):
  - a. (Retard) Fin release wire installed; band NOT damaged .....( )
  - b. (Retard) Release band safety (cotter) pin/wire removed .....( )
  - c. (NONRETARD) Fin release band safety (cotter) pin/wire installed .....( )
4. BSU-85 Fin (Fig. 2):
  - a. Release lanyard clip and safety latch pin installed .....( )
  - b. Release lanyard swivel stowed in clip .....( )
  - c. Safety pin assembly removed .....( )
  - d. Ensure vent cap open .....( )
5. BSU-86 Fin (Fig. 3):
  - a. Release lanyard safety clip installed; band NOT damaged .....( )
  - b. Release lanyard swivel stowed in clip .....( )
  - c. Release band safety (cotter) pin removed .....( )
6. Conical Fin:
  - a. Fuze access door secure .....( )
  - b. (BSU-33) Fully seated 360° against bomb body .....( )
7. (If applicable) Mk 122 arming safety switch installed .....( )

**WEAPON INSPECTION (Continued)**

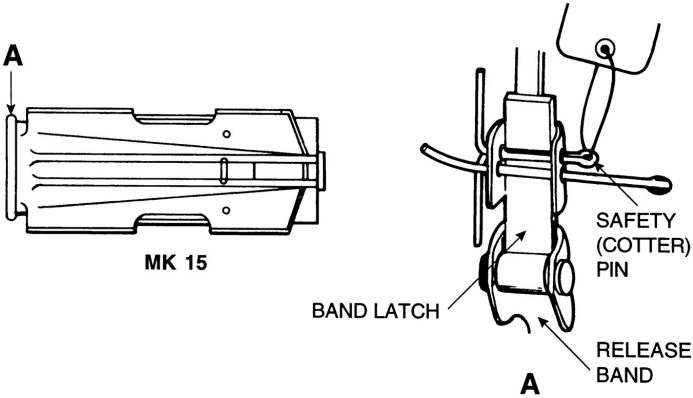


Figure 1. Mk 15 Fin

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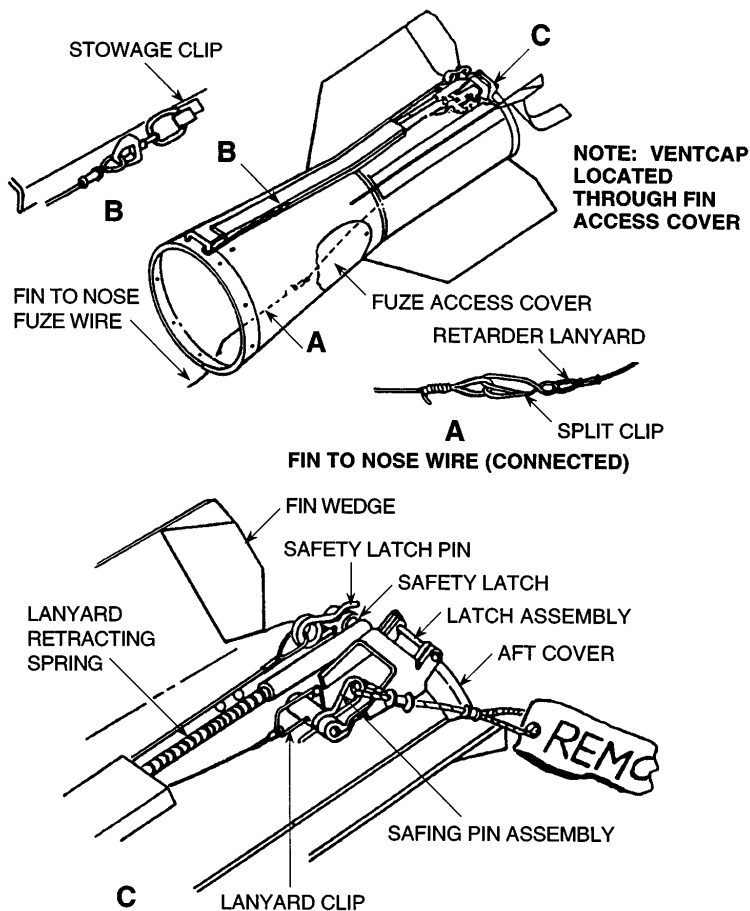


Figure 2. BSU-85 Fin



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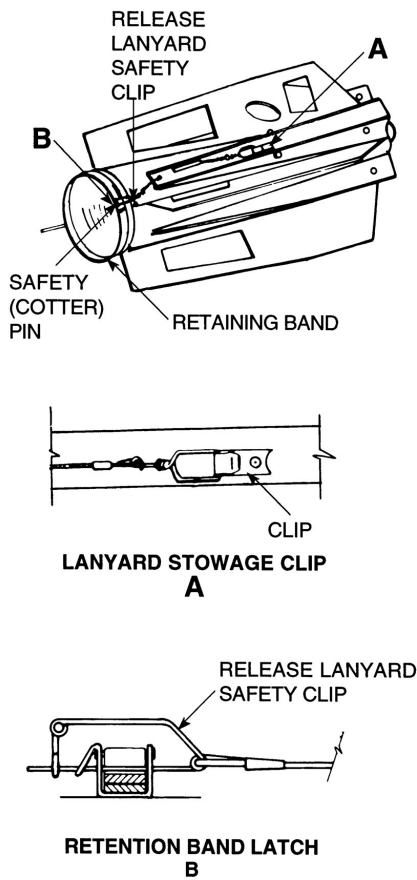


Figure 3. BSU-86 Fin

**WEAPON INSPECTION (Continued)**

8. (Electric Fuze) Safety (cotton) pin and warning tag removed .....( )

**NOTE:** THE FMU-139B/B AND FMU-152 ELECTRIC TAIL FUZES DO NOT REQUIRE AN ARMING WIRE.

9. (As applicable) Fuze delay time marked on weapon; arming wire installed .....( )
10. (FMU-139A/B) Two Fahnstock clip installed .....( )
11. (If applicable) BDU-45/B spotting charges installed .....( )
12. (If applicable) Adapter booster installed and fuze cavity clean and NOT damaged .....( )
- 12.1 (DSU-33) Nose fuze cavity NOT damaged; set screw retracted .....( )
13. Fuze:

**WARNING**

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DEARM A PARTIALLY OR FULLY ARMED FUZE. NOTIFY PROPER AUTHORITY.

- a. Safe; safety wire installed .....( )
- b. NOT damaged .....( )
- c. Delay element installed/available .....( )
14. TDD:
- a. Safety clip and lock washer installed .....( )
- b. NOT damaged .....( )
15. DSU-33:

**NOTE:** THE BATTERY PAINTBAND WHEN VIEWED THROUGH THE INSPECTION WINDOW WILL APPEAR A LIGHT COLOR (WHITE OR LIGHT GRAY) IF BATTERY HAS NOT BEEN INITIATED. THE PAINT BAND WILL APPEAR A DARK COLOR (BLACK OR DARK GRAY) IF INITIATION HAS OCCURRED.

- a. Verify battery paint band is not dark in color .....( )

**WEAPON INSPECTION (Continued)**

**NOTE:** MINOR DAMAGE TO DSU-33 BODY BY BOMB  
NOSE SET SCREW IS ACCEPTABLE.

- b. Verify no corrosion, fungus, or mechanical damage .....( )
- c. Verify radome NOT cracked or damaged .....( )
- d. Verify electrical connector NOT damaged .....( )



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## WEAPON LOADING

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**A. PREPARATION**

1. Aircraft Preparation/Inspection and Weapon Inspection completed .....( )
2. (If applicable) Power removed .....( )
3. Aircraft grounded .....( )
4. Armament switches positioned (Table 1) .....( )
5. (Electric Fuze) PP-6419 Power Supply switch - ON .....( )
6. Set proper code in weapons insertion panel (SMP) .....( )
7. Place WEAPON LOADED sign in cockpit .....( )

**B. LOADING**

1. Raise weapon; (if applicable) install arming adapter; latch suspension hooks; ensure hooks support weapon and swaybraces seat .....( )
2. Safe rack .....( )
3. (Mk 122) Electrically connect and attach lanyard .....( )
4. (As applicable) Nose fuze arming delay set; delay element installed .....( )

**NOTE:** (DSU-33) SENSOR MAY NOT FIT FLUSH WITH FUZE WELL, APPROXIMATELY 1/4 INCH GAP BETWEEN SENSOR AND BOMB NOSE IS ACCEPTABLE.

5. Install nose fuze/TDD .....( )
- 5.1 (DSU-33) Install sensor in nose fuze well hand tight and tighten nose set screw to 30-35 in-lbs. torque or 1/2 to one turn after contact with DSU-33 .....( )

**WARNING**

FIN TO FUZE ARMING WIRE MUST BE INSTALLED WHEN USING M904 MECHANICAL NOSE FUZE AND ELECTRIC TAIL FUZE WITH RETARD/PILOT OPTION CONFIGURATION, UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE.

**NOTE:** (BSU-85 FIN) DO NOT ALLOW FIN RELEASE LANYARD TO BE RETRACTED INTO CONDUIT.

**Table 1. Aircraft Armament Switches**

PANEL	SWITCH	POSITION
MC/HYD ISOL	MC	NORM
NUC WPN SWITCH	NUC WPN	DISABLE (down position)
GND POWER CONTROL	1 2 3 4 EXT PWR	AUTO AUTO AUTO AUTO OFF
LEFT VERTICAL	SELECT JETT JETT (pushbutton)	SAFE off
MASTER ARM CONTROL	MASTER EMERG JETT (pushbutton)	SAFE Yellow/brass ring not visible
ECM CONTROL (NOTE 1) ICMDS (NOTE 2)	AUX REL ECM DISPENSER MODE SEL RWR	NORM OFF OFF STBY OFF
ANTENNA SELECT CONTROL PANEL (NOTES 3 and 4)	ALE-39 RESET	OFF
EMERGENCY JETTISON	(Rear cockpit) EMERG JETT	Yellow/brass ring not visible
ITALD CONTROL (If installed)	INSTM POWER CIRCUIT BREAKER	OFF RESET
AN/ALQ-167 CONTROL (If installed)	PWR	OFF
MAP GAIN CONTROL	IR COOL	(NOTE 5)
COMMUNICATION	WPN VOL control	LOW
FWD/REAR COCKPIT	All other switches	OFF, SAFE, or NORMAL
<p style="text-align: center;">NOTE</p> <p>1. 161353 thru 164980  2. 165171 and UP  3. 161353 thru 163175  4. 163427 thru 164980  5. Without AIM-9L/M or with AIM-9X -OFF position, and NORM position with AIM-9L/M.</p>		

**WEAPON LOADING (Continued)**

**NOTE:** (MK 15 FIN) FOR NONRETARD RELEASE, FIN RELEASE WIRE MUST BE CUT 3 INCHES EACH SIDE OF FIN RELEASE BAND AND ENDS TWISTED TOGETHER OR COTTER PIN MUST BE INSTALLED IN FIN RELEASE BAND LATCH WITH ENDS SPREAD 180° APART.

**NOTE:** (FMU-139B/B, FMU-152) THE FMU-139B/B AND FMU-152 ELECTRIC TAIL FUZES DO NOT REQUIRE AN ARMING WIRE. FUZE ARMING TAIL WIRE SHOWN IN FIGURES DO NOT APPLY TO THESE FUZES.

**NOTE:** (RETARD/M904) FIN TO FUZE ARMING WIRE WILL BE INSTALLED UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE.

- 6. (As applicable) Install/connect arming wire(s) (Figs. 4 through 13) .....( )
- 7. (As applicable) Remove fuze/TDD safety pin/wire/safety clip/cotter pin .....( )
- 8. Install cartridges .....( )

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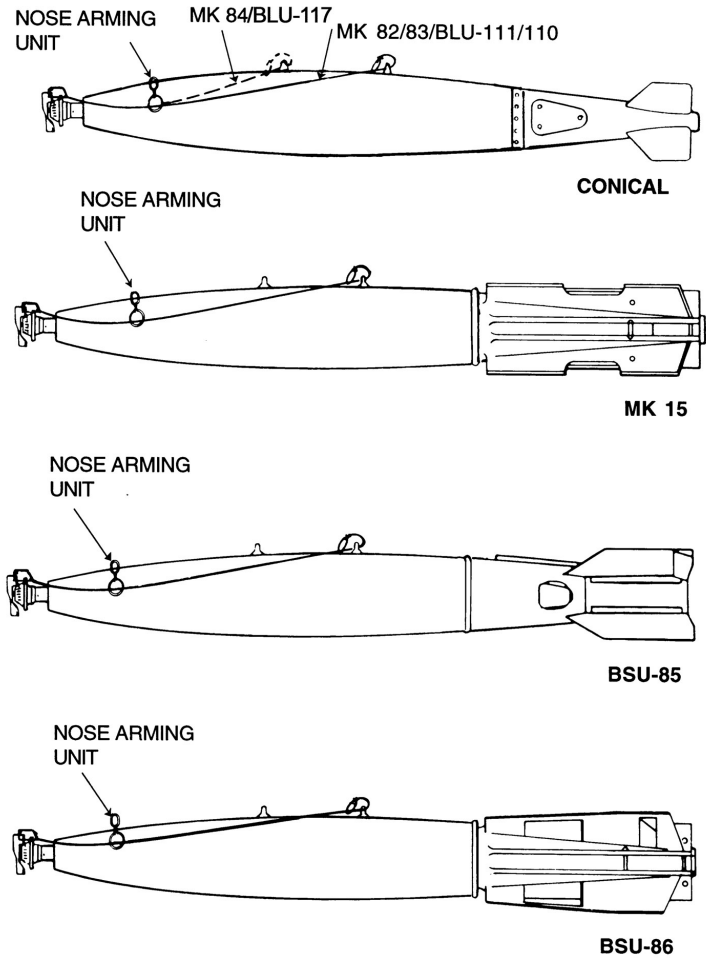


Figure 4. NONRETARD, Mechanical Nose Fuze



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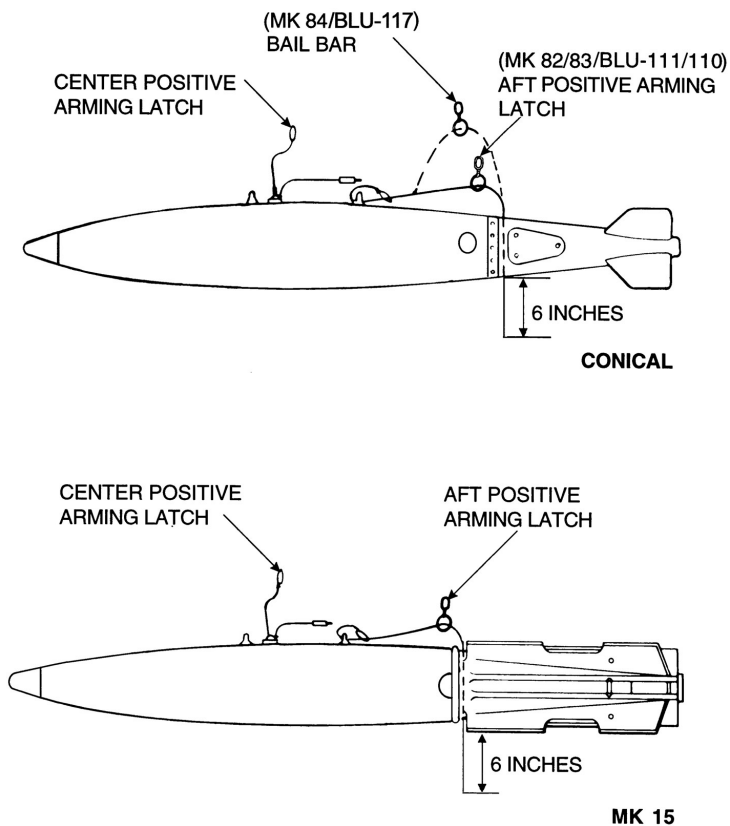


Figure 5. NONRETARD, Electrical Tail Fuze (Sheet 1 of 2)

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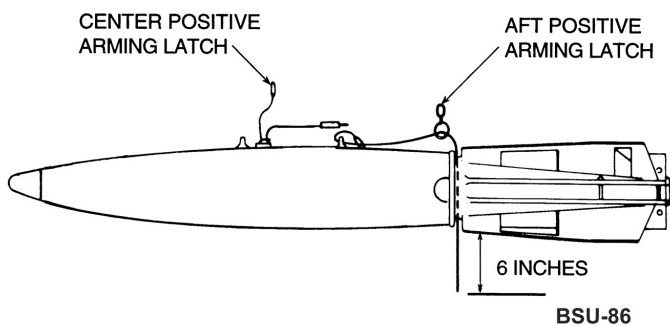
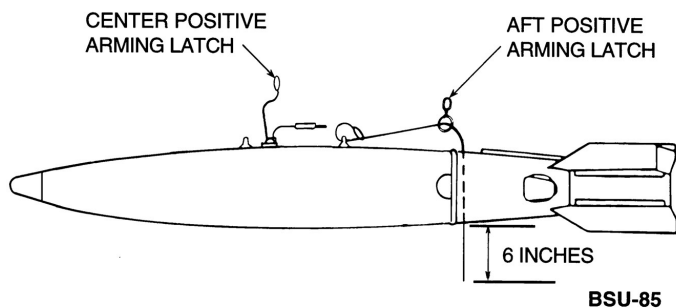
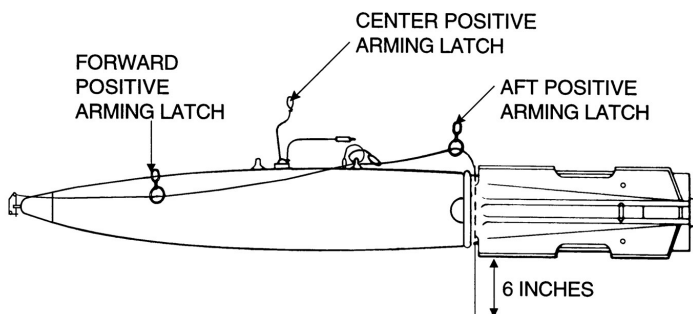
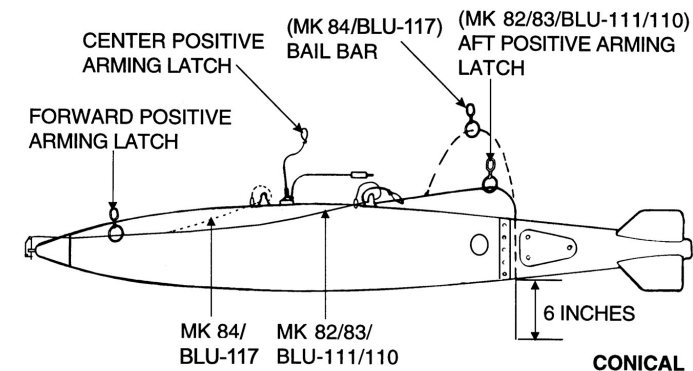


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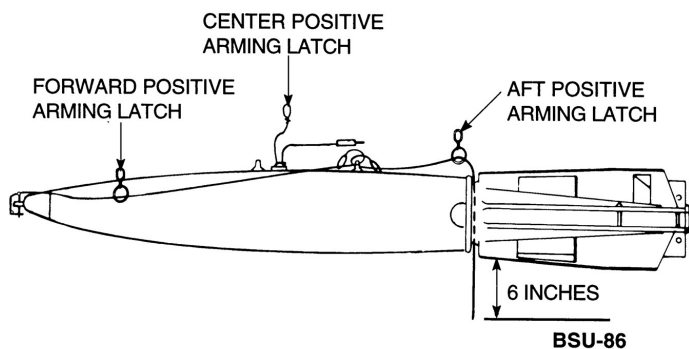
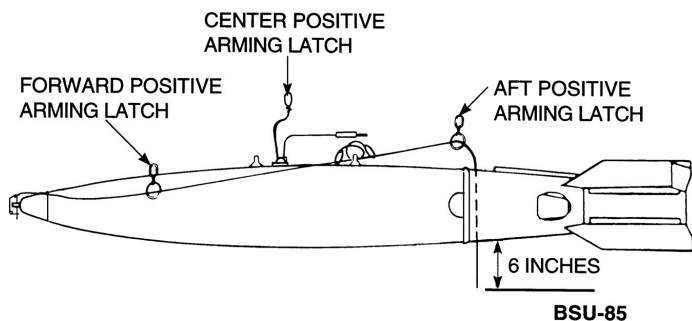
**TDD ARMING WIRE WILL NOT BE INSTALLED UNLESS VT WITH DELAY MODE IS REQUIRED. WITHOUT ARMING WIRE, SHIPPING SAFETY CLIP REMAINS INSTALLED, WARNING TAG REMOVED.**

Figure 6. NONRETARD, MK 43 TDD (Mechanical Initiation) and Electrical Tail Fuze (Sheet 1 of 2)

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**WEAPON LOADING (Continued)**

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**NOTE:**  
TDD ARMING WIRE WILL NOT BE INSTALLED  
UNLESS VT WITH DELAY MODE IS REQUIRED.  
WITHOUT ARMING WIRE, SHIPPING SAFETY CLIP  
REMAINS INSTALLED, WARNING TAG REMOVED.

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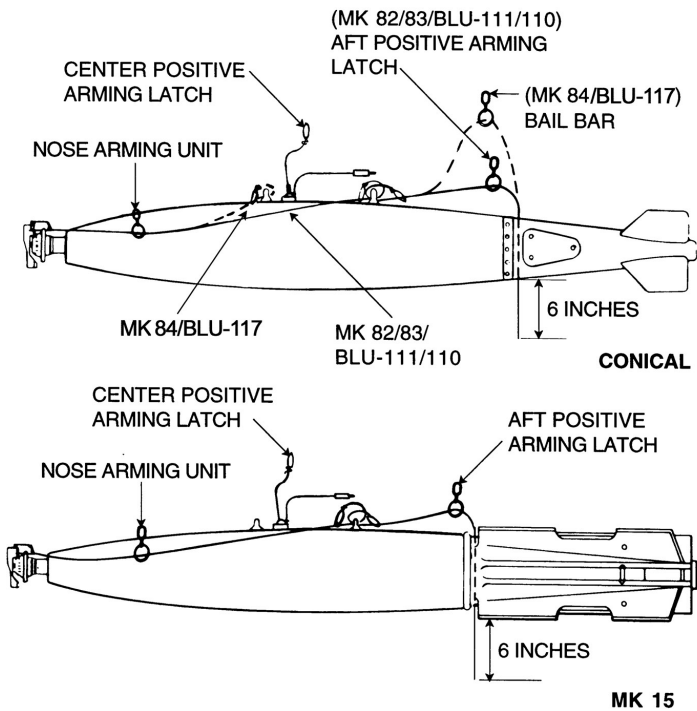


Figure 7. NONRETARD, Mechanical Nose Fuze and  
Electrical Tail Fuze (Sheet 1 of 2)

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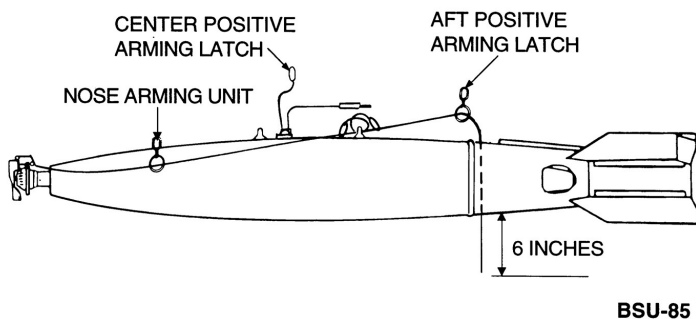
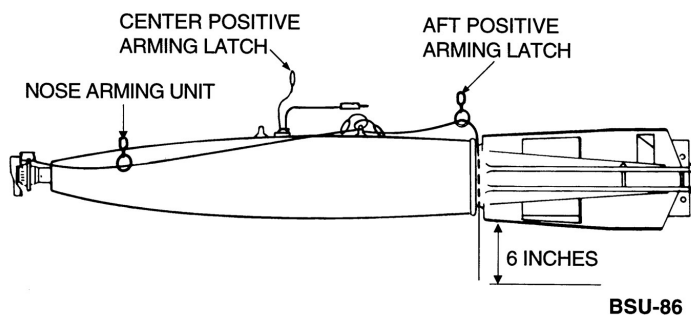


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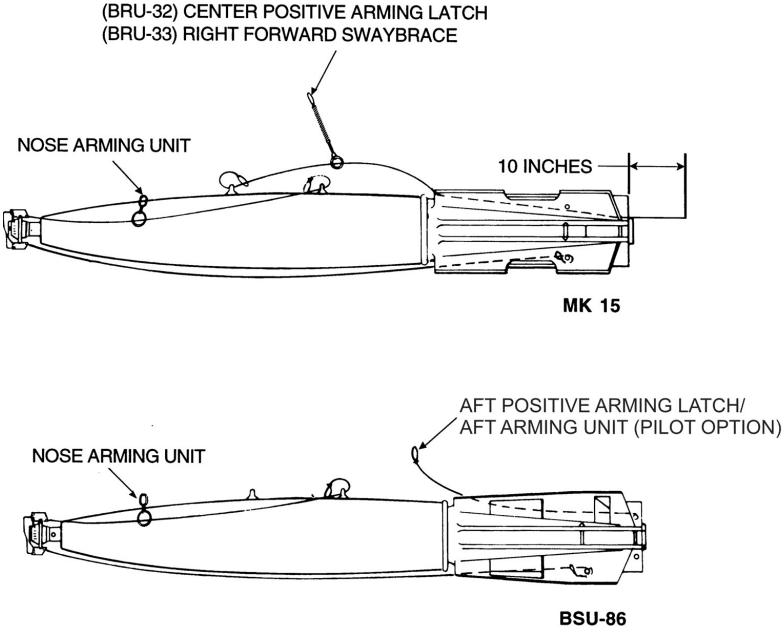


Figure 8. Mk 82/BLU-111-Retard, Mechanical Nose Fuze

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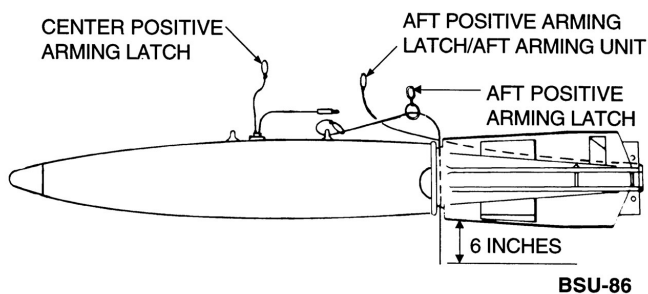
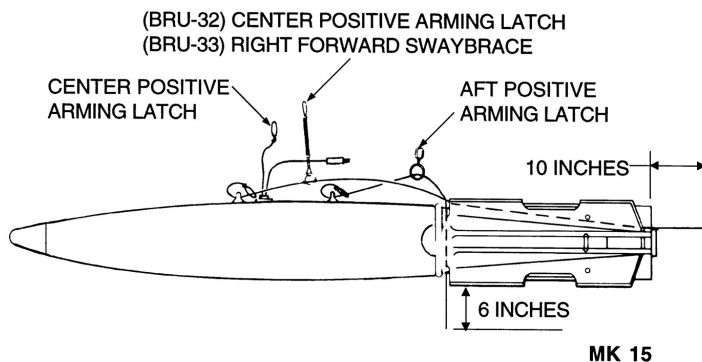
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Figure 9. Mk 82/BLU-111 and BDU 45/B-RETARD,  
Electrical Tail Fuze



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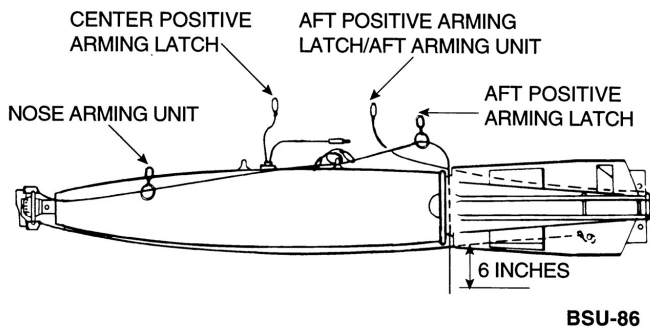
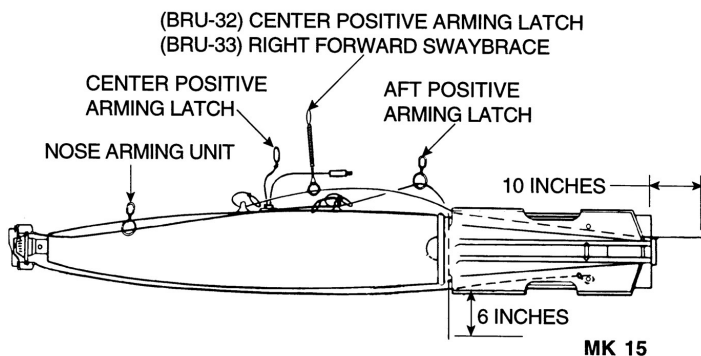
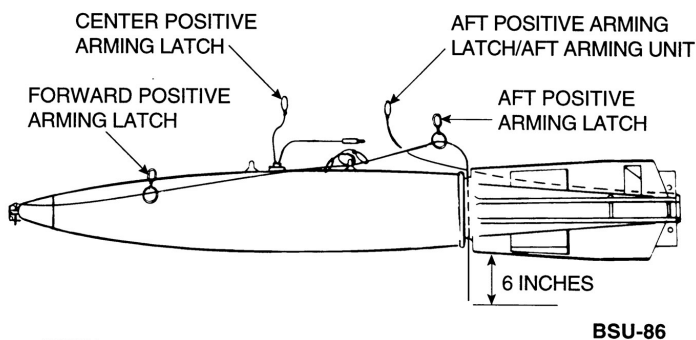
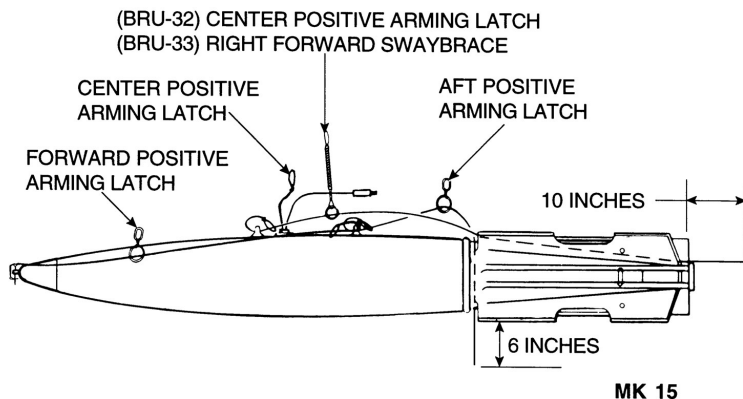
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Figure 10. MK 82/BLU-111 RETARD, Mechanical Nose Fuze  
and Electrical Tail Fuze

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**WEAPON LOADING (Continued)**


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**NOTE:**

(BSU-86) PILOT OPTION ZRF ARMING UNIT ONLY.

**NOTE:**

TDD ARMING WIRE WILL NOT BE INSTALLED  
UNLESS VT WITH DELAY MODE IS REQUIRED.  
WITHOUT ARMING WIRE, SHIPPING SAFETY CLIP  
REMAINS INSTALLED, WARNING TAG REMOVED.

Figure 11. MK 82/BLU-111 and BDU 45/B - RETARD, Mk 43  
TDD (Mechanical Initiation) Electrical Tail Fuze

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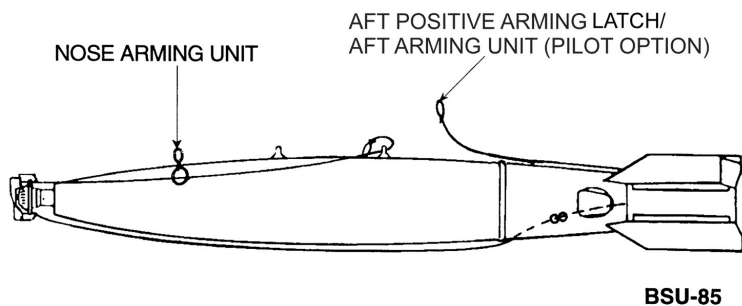
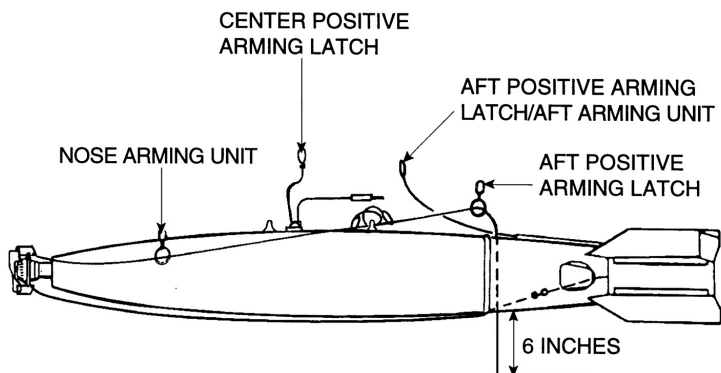


Figure 12. MK 83/BDU-110 RETARD, Mechanical Nose Fuze

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**NOTE:**  
**(BSU-85) PILOT OPTION ZRF ARMING UNIT**

Figure 13. Mk 83/BLU-110 RETARD, Mechanical Nose Fuze and Electrical Tail Fuze

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**POSTLOADING INSPECTION**


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1. Armament switches positioned (Table 1) .....( )
2. WEAPON LOADED sign in cockpit .....( )
3. Rack - SAFE .....( )
4. Proper code set in weapons insertion panel (SMP) .....( )
5. Swaybraces seated .....( )
6. (Parent rack) Cartridges installed .....( )
7. BRU-33:
  - a. Adapter harness connected .....( )
  - b. Unloaded station suspension hooks open .....( )
  - c. Cartridges installed .....( )
8. Arming wire(s)/lanyard installed/connected .....( )
9. (If applicable) Nose fuze arming delay set .....( )
10. (As applicable) Fuze/TDD safety pin/wire/safety clip/  
cotter pin removed .....( )
11. (Conical Fin) Fuze access cover secured .....( )
12. (If applicable) Fin release wire/lanyard clip installed;  
safety/cotter pin removed .....( )
13. (Mk 122) Lanyard attached .....( )

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## WEAPON UNLOADING

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**A. PREPARATION**

1. (If applicable) Power removed .....( )
2. Aircraft grounded .....( )
3. Loaded stations - SAFE .....( )
4. Armament switches positioned (Table 1) .....( )
5. WEAPON LOADED sign in cockpit .....( )
6. (Parent rack) Remove cartridges .....( )
7. (BRU-33) Remove cartridges .....( )
8. (As applicable) Install fuze/TDD safety pin/wire safety  
clip/cotter pin .....( )
9. (Mk 122) Disconnect lanyard; electrically disconnect .....( )

**NOTE:** (BSU-85 FIN) DO NOT ALLOW FIN RELEASE  
LANYARD TO BE RETRACTED INTO CONDUIT.

**NOTE:** (BSU-85/86 FIN) REPLACE LANYARD IN  
STOWAGE CLIP AFTER DISCONNECTING.

10. (As applicable) Disconnect arming wire(s)/lanyards  
from aircraft .....( )
11. (If applicable) Remove arming wire(s) from fuze(s)/TDD .....( )
12. (If applicable) Remove nose fuze/TDD/DSU-33 .....( )

**B. UNLOADING**

1. Raise weapon .....( )
2. Rotate ground safety handle to UNLOCKED .....( )
3. Release rack .....( )

**WARNING**

REMOVE ARMING ADAPTER APPROXIMATELY 2  
INCHES BELOW RACK.

4. Lower weapon; (if applicable) remove arming adapter  
from aircraft .....( )
5. Continue lowering weapon .....( )